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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, CA

SUBJECT: DES AND BEEF

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REF: OTTAWA 2357

1. CANADIAN CABINET MET IN WEEKLY SESSION TODAY (AUGUST 1) AND TOOK FINAL DECISION ON SUBJECT MATTERS. DECISION WAS PASSED TO EMBASSY BY EXTAFF DIRECTOR GENERAL NUTT THIS AFTERNOON WITH REQUEST IT BE HELD IN ABSOLUTELY STRICTEST CONFIDENCE UNTIL AFTER GOC MADE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AT ABOUT 5:00 P.M. AUGUST 2. EMBASSY STRESSES THAT NO PUBLIC LEAKS OF DECISION BE ALLOWED TO OCCUR FROM ANY SOURCE.

2. DECISION INVOLVES THREE PARTS, FIRST TWO PARTS PRESUMABLY TO BE ANNOUNCED BY HEALTH MINISTER LALONDE AND THIRD BY AGMIN WHELAN, AS FOLLOWS: 1) GOC HAS AGREED THAT MOST RECENT US CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MINOR MODIFICATIONS, IS ACCEPTABLE. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL INDICATE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS TIME (ALLOWING PERIOD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES, ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ETC.). WHEN DCM PRESSED TO LEARN WHAT MINOR MODIFICATIONS

MEANT AND WHETHER THEY COULD STALL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM, NUTT REPLIED THAT THEY WERE VERY MINOR AND WOULD REPRESENT NO IMPEDIMENT TO PROGRAM; 2) GOC WILL IMPOSE A GLOBAL QUOTA PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR APPLYING TO IMPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER AND TO IMPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN BEEF AND VEAL. THE QUOTA WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE LEVEL OF AVERAGE IMPORTS OVER PRECEDING FIVE YEARS (1969-73). THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF IMPORTS ALLOWABLE FOR ANY CALENDAR QUARTER WILL BE SET AT 30 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL QUOTA. THESE QUOTAS WILL BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12; 3) THERE WILL BE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR LIVE CATTLE IN CANADA, AGAIN EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12.

COMMENT: NUTT URGED THAT THERE BE NO CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS INVOLVED ON TWO SIDES UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS EXCEPT BY CLASSIFIED TELEGRAM. EMBASSY REPEATS NECESSITY FOR ABOVE INFORMATION BEING HELD IN CONFIDENCE UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP AT 3:00 P.M. AUGUST 2, AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE TO HIM AT THAT TIME ANY COMMENTS ON ABOVE PROGRAM WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY SEND TO EMBASSY BEFOREHAND. PORTER

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